

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

**September 28, 2017**

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

**2017-305-E**

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

**2017-609**

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**SUBJECT:**

**DOCKET NO. 2017-305-E** - Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920 - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration the Office of Regulatory Staff's Request for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-27-920.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

After close of business Tuesday, September 26, the Office of Regulatory Staff filed with the Commission a petition to suspend collection of all revised rates related to the construction of Units 2 & 3. The ORS petition for a determination under 58-27-920 has the potential to have significant and immediate impacts upon all citizens of South Carolina. The petition has received great interest and support, with filings from entities such as AARP, the League of Women Voters, the Small Business Chamber of Commerce, and motions for intervention from the Coastal Conservation League, Sierra Club and Friends of the Earth. I believe the ramifications of such determinations must be carefully measured and considered prior to ruling.

This morning, we received a motion to dismiss from SCE&G prior to our scheduled consideration of the ORS Petition. To ensure due process, not only in the interest of **the proper exercise of the law**, but also in the best interest of and protections for potentially affected citizens of this state -- both in regard to immediate and long-term impacts -- we must consider all facts relevant to the requested relief.

Judgments of this magnitude require the highest measure of care, but also require expedient action. We are acting today with caution and purpose. I move that we today appoint a hearing officer, David Butler, to preside over this matter and to quickly work with the parties to establish a procedural schedule for adjudication of this matter. We instruct the hearing officer to schedule briefing and oral arguments as expeditiously as possible. I would instruct the hearing officer to ask the parties to be prepared to address the preliminary investigation and the evidence to support the request as set out in 58-27-920.

PRESIDING: WhitfieldSESSION: Special

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
ELAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FLEMING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Voting via telephone

RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

